

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Lake City /Humbug Fuelbreak - Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park

COUNTY: Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Construct a shaded fuelbreak along the North Bloomfield/Graniteville road between the old historic site of Lake City and the town of North Bloomfield at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park to establish a defensible fuelbreak. The fuelbreak will extend 300 feet north and 300 feet south of the North Bloomfield/Graniteville road with a linear distance of approximately 3.0 miles, will encompass approximately 160 acres, and will remove approximately 90 percent of the undergrowth including brush and small diameter trees - (less than 10 inches diameter at breast height). Hand and mechanized labor will be used to remove undesirable brush species; small diameter overstocked and/or suppressed conifers. No commercial timber will be harvested. Material removed using hand labor with chain saws will be disposed of by chipping. Mechanized treatment of brush will result in mastication of the brush, which will be left on site to provide an effective ground cover. Minor ground disturbance will occur; however, all cultural resources, historic and prehistoric will be protected during the project. Project protects natural and cultural resources and public safety.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4

Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

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Project consists of maintenance or minor alteration of existing topographical features involving no expansion of use beyond current levels; and the minor alteration in the condition in the land that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees and is included as "resource management projects" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR S 15300.4.

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